

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are pending in the application, with Claim 1 being the independent claim. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Azima et al. (U.S. Patent 6,324,052).

Claim 1 recites a structure for a panel-type speaker mounting comprising a liquid crystal display (LCD) window having a first surface exposed on a top end of an upper casing frame of a main body and a second surface facing an interior of the main body; and an LCD module disposed under the LCD window with a gap between the LCD module and the LCD window within the main body, the LCD module having a polarizing plate having an upper surface facing the second surface of the LCD window and a lower surface opposite the upper surface, the polarizing plate being divided into a first portion located adjacent to the LCD window and a second portion extended from the first portion, for mounting a panel type speaker to the lower surface of the second portion of the polarizing plate.

The Examiner asserts that Azima teaches each and every element of Claim 1. Azima discloses a personal computing device with a keyboard, a lid with a display screen hinged to the body, a resonant panel loudspeaker carried by the lid and an acoustic waveguide on the lid to direct acoustic output from the loudspeaker. However, Azima does not specifically disclose the following elements recited in Claim 1:

Azima discloses a display in a lid that is hinged to a body, but does not teach an LCD window within the main body;

Azima shows a display 129 in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 but provides no details of the internal display arrangement as recited in Claim 1. Specifically, an LCD window and an LCD module are not disclosed;

Azima does not teach a gap between the LCD module and the LCD window within the main body; and

Azima does not teach a polarizing plate. Further Azima does not teach the polarizing plate being divided into a first portion located adjacent to the LCD window and a second portion extended from the first portion for mounting a panel type speaker.

Further, while Azima does show a vibration element 9 and a loud speaker panel 9 in Figs. 2, 2a, 2b, 5, 5a and 5b, but shows these speaker elements, not in a second portion extended from the first portion of the display but mounted over a visible portion of the display.

Additionally, Azima does not disclose mounting a panel-type speaker, to the lower surface of the second portion of the polarizing plate.

For the reasons cited above Azima does not teach each and every element of independent Claim 1, and therefore does not anticipate Claim 1.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

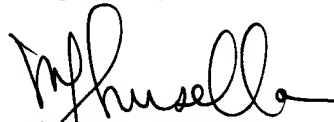
While not conceding the patentability per se of the dependent claims, Claims 2 and 3 are also not anticipated based on their dependence from independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, it is believed that Claim 1, as amended is in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of the dependent claims, Claims 2 and 3 are also believed to be in allowance for at least the above reasons.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection of Claims 1-3 be withdrawn and the Claims 1-3 be allowed.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Musella", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J. Musella
Reg. No. 39,310
Attorney for Applicant

DILWORTH & BARRESE, LLP
333 Earle Ovington Blvd.
Uniondale, New York 11553
Tel: (516) 228-8484
Fax: (516) 228-8516

PJF/MJM/dr